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CHINA S CO OPERATION FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether FICCI has sought China`s cooperation in securing the legitimate interest of developing countries at future multilateral trade negotiations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a five-point proposal for co-operation programme was put forward by FICCI;

(d) if so, whether the China has also agreed to the proposal made by the FICCI and;

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a)to (e) : The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Shanghai WTO Affairs Consultation Centre (SCCWTO) on May 11, to establish a collaborative mechanism in the field of WTO related matters and policies. During the meeting with the SCCWTO, FICCI had proposed a five point cooperation programme to address the issues of level of playing field for developing countries in terms of market access, reduction of tariffs in developed countries, agricultural subsidy, Singapore issues including investment, competition policy, and links between trade and environment & labour standards. Representatives of the SCCWTO had shown interest in the above proposals but the reaction of the Chinese Government is not known in this regard.